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SUBJECT: ALL-INDIA PORT STRIKE THREAT

REF: A. DELHI 8264 B. MADRAS 0956 (NOTAL)

1. A MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF LABOR RELATIONS TOLD US JUNE 14 THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE THREATENED ALL-INDIA PORT STRIKE (REF A) IS LIKELY TO BEGIN JUNE 16 BECAUSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL THE LOCAL ISSUES HAD BEGUN AT ALL MAJOR PORTS AND SETTLEMENTS ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN REACHED. ON THE MAJOR NATIONAL ISSUES OF REVISION OF WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL IS STILL DISCUSSING WITH THE VARIOUS UNIONS A DATE FOR CONVENING A NATIONAL-LEVEL MEETING TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WAGE REVISION COMMITTEE.
2. CONGEN MADRAS ALSO REPORTS THAT THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MADRAS DOCK LABOR BOARD DOES NOT EXPECT THAT THERE WILL

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BE ANY MAJOR STRIKES IN SOTH INDIAN PORTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN REGARD TO MADRAS PORT, HE EXPECTS THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED WITH THE UNIONS BEFORE THE JUNE 16 DEADLINE SET BY THE ALL-INDIA PORT AND DOCK WORKERS FEDERATION (AIPDWF). ON THE MAIN ISSUE OF THE BONUS, WHICH IS NORMALLY PAID IN THE SOUTH IN JUNE, THE MANAGEMENT HAS OFFERED TO ADVANCE ONE MONTH'S WAGES IN LIEU OF THE BONUS, WITH MODE OF REPAYMENT

TO BE DECIDED WITHIN SIX MONTHS, HE SAID. SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE UNIONS AT COCHIN PORT, AND
VISAKHAPATNAM IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW SUIT. THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE NATION-WIDE WAGE REVISION COMMITTEE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE
TO SOUTH INDIAN PORT UNIONS, BUT THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN DOES
NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS WILL BECOME AN IMMEDIATE ISSUE AS
LONG AS THE GOI CHIEF LABOR COMMISSIONER IS TALKING WITH
LABOR ON THE SUBJECT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE DOES
NOT BELIEVE THAT THE AIPDWF COULD SUCCESSFULLY CALL A
NATION-WIDE STRIKE.
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